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The reply brief filed April 11, 2003 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

Regarding non-elected claims 75-77, they were requested to be withdrawn in the after-final amendment of paper no. 21. However, that amendment was not entered. Therefore, claims 75-77 are still withdrawn, but have not been cancelled.

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